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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

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TAGS: ETRD OPEC QA

SUBJ: GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) AND OPEC MEMBER
COUNTRIES: QATAR

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1. DURING APRIL 6 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, GOQ MINISTER OF
FINANCE AND PETROLEUM SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI
RAISED ISSUE OF EXCLUSION OF OPEC COUNTRIES FROM GSP. AMBASSADOR
DREW ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTELS AND STRESSED THAT ADMINISTRATION
IS SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION THAT WILL PROVIDE PRESIDENT
WITH INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN APPLICATION OF EXCLUSION
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PROVISION. ABDUL AZIZ ASKED THAT WE KEEP HIM INFORMED ON

MATTER AND WE AGREED TO DO SO.

2. WE HAVE NOT MADE FORMAL PRESENTATION TO GOQ CONCERNING
GSP, SINCE IN OUR JUDGMENT GOQ WOULD BE MORE CONFUSED THAN
ENLIGHTENED BY DETAILS OF SITUATION. QATARIS KNOW THEY ARE ON
EXCLUSION LIST AND WHY AND THIS IS ENOUGH FOR THE PRESENT.
WE SEE NO POINT IN CALLING FURTHER ATTENTION TO BAD NEWS AND
WILL INFORM GOQ WHEN AND IF LEGISLATIVE RELIEF ENACTED.
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